

Minutes .....August 7, 2001                      9:00 a.m.

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, August 7, 2001, the following members were present:

Gary Feland, Chairman  
Jay Stovall, Vice Chairman  
Matt Brainard, Commissioner

Commissioners Anderson and Rowe were absent but left written votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE  
Dennis Crawford  
Utility Division

(252) In the matter of Qwest Corporation, Docket No. N2001.7.96; This docket pertains to 711 service deployment; previously Qwest stated that Montana would be 711 capable by June 30, 2001. Staff is requesting that the Commission direct Qwest to implement its 711 in order to begin testing. Commissioner Stovall moved to approve the implement of 711. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE  
Wayne Budt, Administrator  
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(253) In the matter of T-01.16-RI; Montana Tariff Bureau, agent and on behalf of Mergenthaler Transfer & Storage Co., Helena, Montana, filed an application for increased rates and charges in Item 265 of Household Goods Tariff No. 1, of between 2.8% and 6.7% (covering household goods movements originating within a 35 mile radius of Kalispell, Montana). The rate increase was noticed on July 9, 2001 and no protests have been received. Commissioner Stovall moved to approve the rate increase. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

(254) In the matter of TN2104; Central Cab & Transfer Co., Butte, Montana requests permission to continue the lease of PSC No. 602 to Tucker Transportation, Inc., Butte, Montana for a twelve (12) month period, June 23, 2001 to June 23, 2002.

Class C - Property as specified, props, drops and scenery for shows and trunks, baggage, beer, light housekeeping fixtures and light moving jobs, within the City of Butte, and not over a radius of five (5) miles from the City of Butte.

SUB A Class B - Persons, within the City of Butte, Montana, and between points tributary thereto, but within a distance not exceeding fifty (50) miles in any direction from said city.  
Limitations: Regular or scheduled service as a jitney or bus is prohibited on or over any route.

Commissioner Brainard moved to approve the continued lease. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

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(255) In the matter of TN2105; 4 X 4 Stage, Inc., Belgrade, Montana requests permission to continue the lease of PSC No. 2278 to All Valley Cab, Inc., Belgrade, Montana for a twelve (12) month period July 20, 2001 to July 20, 2002.

SUB D    Class B - Persons between all points and place within Gallatin, Park and Madison Counties.

Commissioner Brainard moved to approve the continued lease. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

(256) In the matter of TN2106; Thomas P. McGree, Butte, Montana requests permission to continue the lease of PSC No. 2530 to Tucker Transportation, Inc., Butte, Montana for a twelve (12) month period June 14, 2001 to June 14, 2002.

Class D - Garbage, scrap, salvage and refuse in the City of Butte, Montana, and to or from points immediately tributary thereto, but not exceeding a distance of ten (10) miles from said city. Carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized.

Commissioner Brainard moved to approve the continued lease. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Laura Calkin  
Centralized Services

(257) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner Stovall moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of July 30, 2001. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

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There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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GARY FELAND, Chairman

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JAY STOVALL, Vice Chairman

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

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Bob Anderson, Commissioner, via telephone  
Matt Brainard, Commissioner  
Bob Rowe, Commissioner, via telephone

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Will Rosquist, Eric Eck

(258) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Power Company' s application for approval of power purchase agreement with Rocky Mountain Power, Docket No. D2001.7.93; Commissioner Stovall moved to accept this contract for Rocky Mountain Power to go forward and approve this project. The motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Brainard moved to instruct staff to draft an order declining to approve Montana Power Company' s request as filed, per staff' s recommendation, including in the order a favorable comment regarding the project as new generation. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion which passed with a vote of 4-1. Commissioners Anderson, Brainard, Feland and Rowe voted aye. Commissioner Stovall dissented.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Marla Larson, Scott Fabel

(259) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest' s sale of exchanges to Citizens Communications, Docket No. D2000.1.11; Commissioner Brainard moved to close the docket. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, David Burchett, Marla Larson

(260) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest' s digital switched services (DSS) revisions, Docket No. N2001.5.64; Commissioner Brainard moved to keep the contracts limited to five years. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Kate Whitney, David Burchett

(261) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest' s introduction of complete-a-call, Docket No. N2001.6.68; Commissioner Brainard moved to deny the filing. The motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the filing and instruct Qwest to report at one year on customer response. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Kate Whitney, Marla Larson, Mike Lee, Scott Fabel

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(262) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest' s application for section 271 approval, Docket No. D2000.5.70; Commissioner Brainard moved to accept the staff report on Checklist Items 11 (local number portability) and 14 (resale). Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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